

# May 17 , 2005 - Indiana Department of Correction Saves \$11.5 M in Tax Dollars

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Indianapolis, IN (May 17, 2005) – The Indiana Department of Correction will save an estimated \$11.5 million a year through a new program to manage food service operations at 30 correctional facilities statewide with a third-party vendor. Department of Correction and the Department of Administration partnered to aggressively review the Request For Proposal (RFP) to promote cost-effectiveness, efficiency and to ensure opportunities for Indiana-based, minority and women-owned businesses. The contract is valued at \$258 million over the course of its ten-year duration.

J. David Donahue, Commissioner of the Department, said "We are excited to create a positive economic impact for the State by aligning itself with the "Buy Indiana" initiative driven by Governor Mitch Daniels. Awarding the contract to ARAMARK, a nationally-renowned leader in the food service industry will strengthen many ties to the state's economy."

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The Department of Correction remains committed to an employee-focused process. All food service employees who wish to remain employed with the Department will be offered opportunities. If employees choose to remain in the food service field, they will be given priority for employment with ARAMARK.

"We are pleased to be able to expand our services in Indiana," said Tim Campbell, President, ARAMARK Correctional Services. "With over 30 years experience in the correctional services industry and currently serving over 450 clients, we believe we are uniquely able to meet our customer expectations while providing both a safe, secure environment for our employees and customers and value for the taxpayers of the State of Indiana ."

The “Inmate to Workmate” Program endorsed by ACS aligns nicely with the Department existing re-entry initiatives. It is designed to train inmates in the food service business and prepare them for future employment in the food service industry.

Major ARAMARK clients in Indiana include Conseco Fieldhouse, Clarian Health Partners and Butler University. ARAMARK operates a large number of American Correctional Association (ACA) accredited institutions.

About ARAMARK Correctional Services Through its correctional services group, ARAMARK provides a wide range of food, facility and other support services to more than 450 correctional facilities in North America. ARAMARK offers state, county and municipal correctional facilities a single source provider for commissary services, laundry management, facilities management and community-based Meals on Wheels programs.

### **About The Department of Correction**

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 23,000 adult offenders and more than 1,000 juveniles, in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department’s home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>.